New rail lines in Gujarat

*294. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration, for construction of new rail lines in Gujarat; and

(b) what is the current status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Following new line proposals are under consideration and surveys for these new lines have been taken up in Gujarat state.

	Survey	Km
1.	Kharaghoda-Santalpur	100
2.	Jaisalmer-Kandla	600
3.	Bhavnagar-Tarapur	150
4.	Veraval-Kodinar	36

Surveys at item no. 1 to 3 are in progress. The survey for Veraval-Kodinar new line has already been completed. The report is under finalisation. However, Veraval-Somnath (3.5 km) has been approved as part of Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion project. Further action will be taken on receipt and examination of the survey reports.

Study by NPPA for Dexamethasone

*295. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPPA has conducted technical cum cost studies for Dexamethasone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Dy. Director (Technical) and A.D. (Cost) had gone to visit some Plants; and

(c) whether the report submitted is misleading because of the favours given to both these officers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a), as above.